



1997-98 DSA president appointed

By Ross McDermott

The elected position of DSA president for the academic year of 1997-98 has been filled, said the chief-returning officer during the nominees' meeting Feb. 6.

Chris Kroeker, a second-year business-administration management studies student has been appointed to the position.

The meeting, chaired by the chief-returning officer Jason St. Amand, a third-year business-administration marketing student, was held to explain the election procedures and campaign rules to the nominees.

The meeting also marked the official closure of the nomination stage of the elections.

In an interview following the meeting, Amand said because Kroeker was the only student who ran for president, he was automatically appointed.

Originally, he said, there would have been two campaign races, one for vice-president of operations and one for vice-president of student affairs.

"No one was going for the position of president."

He said that Kroeker's decision to run for president instead of vice-president of operations has caused both positions to be filled through acclamation.

Knowledge of which nominees were running for which positions was confidential and not revealed to the nominees until the afternoon meeting.

"It's good from a standpoint that all three positions will be filled," Amand said.

The fact that the people filling the positions are qualified, he said, is more important than a good campaign race.

In an interview following the meeting, Kroeker said he was nervous about becoming

DSA president. He also said he was disappointed that no other students ran for the elected position.

"Personally, I'm not too fond of the acclamation. I'd much prefer a race," Kroeker said.

He said when someone is appointed to the position because of lack of candidates, it doesn't always mean that person is right for the job.

"Hopefully, we'll see if we can get that changed for next year — at least give the students a choice of whether or not they want that person in there."

Kroeker said, despite his nervousness, he is looking forward to filling the position and still plans to do some campaigning, "so students can recognize the face a little bit more."

Kroeker's decision to run for president left only one candidate for vice-president

of operations.

Johanna Stevens, a first-year business-administration management studies student, has been appointed to the position.

Stevens said she is glad to be relieved of the pressure of campaigning and is happy and excited about her upcoming duties.

"I'm ready to get started now," she said.

Also during the meeting, Amand announced the candidates for vice-president of student affairs.

Thomas Muller and Gerry Cleaves, both first-year business-administration management studies students, and Salman Tahir, a first-year business-administration accounting student, began campaigning for this position Feb. 10.

Campaign speeches will be delivered Feb. 20, at 12:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary and voting will take place from Feb. 24 until Feb. 27.

K-W career fair biggest one yet, organizers say

By Helene Beaulieu

Organizers of the Feb. 5 job fair, called Partnership for Employment, held in the grand ballroom at Bingeman Park say it's the biggest one yet.

Mary Wright, manager of student employment, co-op education and alumni services, said the event attracted over 2,500 students and alumni from four post-secondary institutions in the K-W area. Wright said just over 400 were from the college.

Jan Basso, director of co-operative education and career services at Wilfrid Laurier University, said this is the fourth year the job fair has operated as a collaborative effort between University of Guelph, WLU, University of Waterloo and Conestoga College. Basso said representatives from career services of each school sit on a steering committee and work to organize the event in partnership.

Basso said in November about 800 employers were invited to the event. Of these, 105 were in attendance.

"Today we maxed out," said Basso. "One hundred and five was way beyond what we thought we were going to get," she said.

Wright said that all employers attending the fair were required to have positions opening within the next six months to be allowed to participate in the event.

Basso said industries involved with information technology were the most represented at the fair; but, there were also agents from restaurants, retail, consulting firms, the manufacturing sector, summer camp, summer franchise (tree planting and painting) and financial services including insurance companies and banks.

Basso said employers are surveyed as they register to find out what kinds of jobs they are offering. She said, of the 105 at the event, about 90 had permanent positions while another 30 had summer-

employment opportunities.

Basso said students are directed to bring a resume and are encouraged to use the event to do some marketing of themselves.

She said interviewing space was made available for employers, interested in conducting interviews on the spot.

Nancy Molday, from the Toronto Dominion Bank, said the bank was looking to fill eight to 10 full-time, entry-level positions in computer programming as well as co-op and summer positions in other areas.

Molday said TD participates regularly in the event but this was the first time the systems department had made a specific request for candidates.

Molday said the fair was definitely a success and that 30 to 35 individuals would be contacted for interviews.

Peter Miller, a third year computer programming and systems analysis student at Conestoga, said he found the fair helpful for finding out what prospective employers are looking for. He said he was able to give out resumes and meet with representatives of personnel departments.

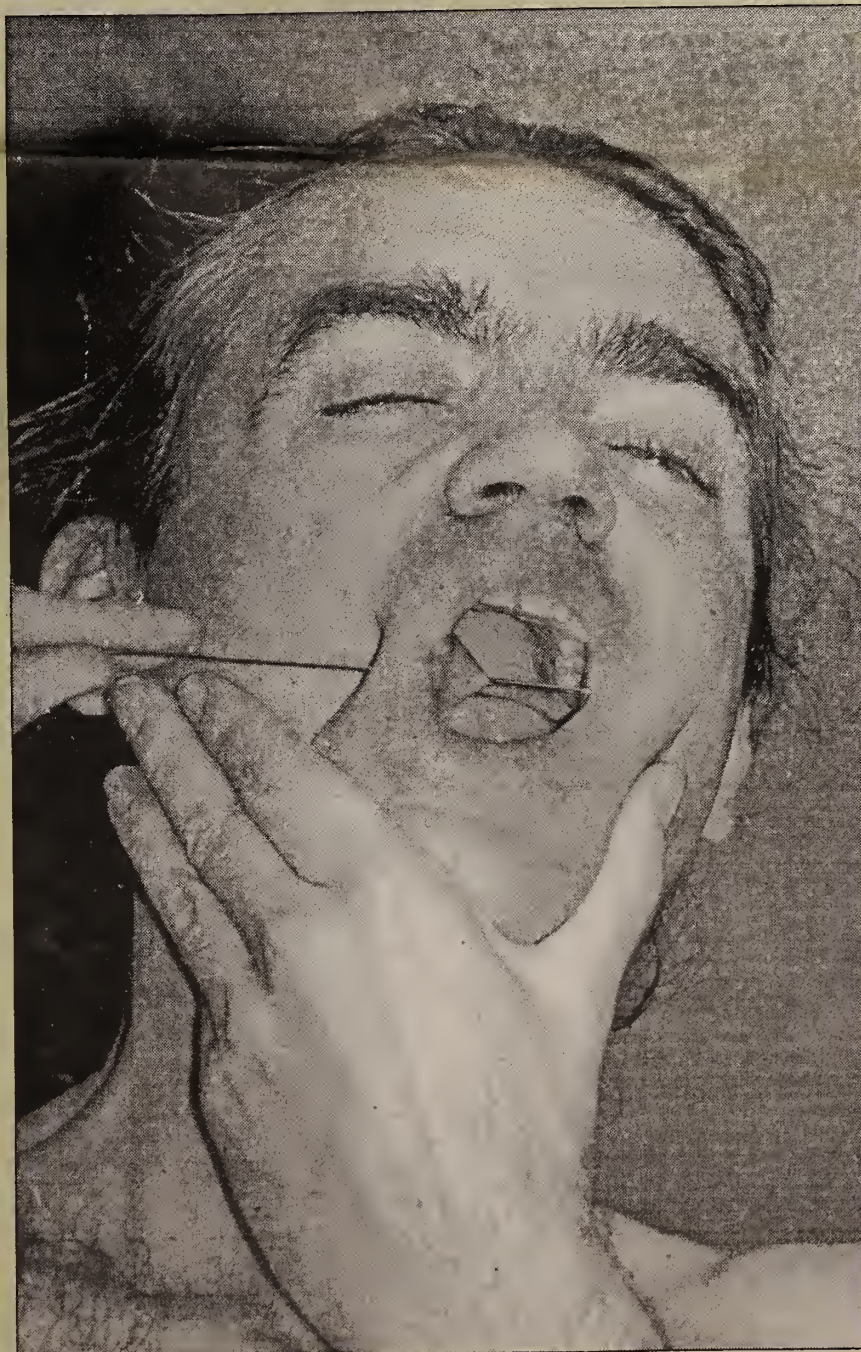
Rob Kent, a third year business administration accounting student, called the fair insightful.

Kent said by talking to company reps, "You find out more about what they do and what they're looking for."

Basso said while the majority of employers come from Ontario this year there were also three companies from Quebec and seven from the United States. And at 2:30 p.m. Basso was speaking to an employer interested in securing a spot in the next fair.

There are two fairs annually; one is held in the winter, the other in the fall. Employers attending the fall career fair are not required to have jobs for students though Basso said 90 per cent of them do. Basso said there were 132 companies at the career fair in the fall of 1996.

Say aaah!



The Torture King, also known as Tim Cridland, skewers his cheek during a Doon Student Association Nooners in the Sanctuary Feb. 5.

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(Photo by Ross McDermott)

Reform party leader seeks local support

By Pat Craton

Preston Manning, leader of the Reform party was in Waterloo on Feb. 8 drumming up support for his party in early preparation for the next election.

About 100 people, mainly party supporters, gathered outside of the Tim Horton's coffee shop at the corner of Weber Street and Northfield Drive to get an opportunity to meet with Manning.

Manning was in Waterloo to promote the party's Fresh Start campaign.

In a short address to the gathering, Manning said there are 1.5 million unemployed Canadians, almost as many as when the Liberals came to power, yet the government says it is proud of reducing the unemployment figure.

He told supporters more jobs have to be created and this can be achieved by introducing major tax reforms in the form of tax reliefs and by reducing the size of government.

In his address, he said by making government smaller, there will be



IF ELECTED — Preston Manning, leader of the Reform Party of Canada, is interviewed by the media at Tim Horton's coffee shop at Weber Street and Northfield Drive in Waterloo on Feb. 8, while promoting the party's Fresh Start campaign. (Photo by Pat Craton)

an elimination of waste and red tape. The money saved will be used to create growth, opportunity and lasting jobs.

When asked if the Reform party had any plans or policy in place to attract young people to the party, Manning replied that a youth conference was taking place in Ottawa that very weekend to discuss

reform and how to recruit younger people to join the party.

Manning said the number of younger people joining the Reform party is increasing mainly through campus clubs, especially in Ontario, due to the number of universities and colleges in the province.

He said university and college

students are attracted especially to the party's tax relief and job creation proposals. Young people are worried about the debt after graduation and the lack of jobs to pay off those debts.

Jeff Tighe, a business-administration student at Wilfrid Laurier University and party supporter since 1991, the Reform party has a

reputation of being a party for older people.

But, he said, it is working hard to recruit younger people. The process, however, is a slow one.

Tighe said many of the younger members of other political parties are the children of older members so it will take some time for the same to happen to the Reform party.

As time goes on, a younger following will be built up.

Another point from the Fresh Start campaign proposals Manning touched on was on repairing the social safety net. He told supporters that Reform will give more money to health care and to education using savings from reductions in other programs.

The pension system will also be overhauled to provide security and to allow citizens greater control over their pension plan.

After a half-hour meeting with customers and supporters inside the coffee shop, Manning and his entourage boarded a bus to visit a north Waterloo suburb to meet with its residents by knocking on their doors.



WELL DONE — Gerry Brennan, left, district manager of Wackenhut of Canada Ltd., presents security guard, Tim Thorman, centre, with a company award of merit, Feb. 6. Bill Jeffrey, dean of health sciences and community services represented Conestoga. (Photo by Peggy Sue Ironside)

Security guard commended

By Peggy Sue Ironside

The security guard who was involved in the chemical spill closure of the C and D wings of Doon's main building in December last year received an award of merit on Feb. 6 from the security company he works for.

Gerry Brennan, district manager for Wackenhut of Canada Ltd., received a letter from Bill Jeffrey, Conestoga's dean of health sciences and community services, commending Tim Thorman for his efforts in averting a potential disaster.

"We don't get many clients actually praising the guards," said Brennan. "So we like to recognize it."

Brennan said he sent the letter along with a copy of the Spoke article on Thorman to the company's headquarters in Toronto which in turn sent the infor-

mation on to Wackenhut's international headquarters.

Brennan said the international headquarters decided to present Thorman with a merit award and run his story in its quarterly newsletter in recognition of Wackenhut's Canadian operations.

He said Wackenhut is a large international corporation with locations in 52 countries.

"The Canadian branch doesn't get recognized often enough," said Brennan.

Jeffrey said he was quite surprised when he found out the security company would be recognizing Thorman by presenting him with an award of merit.

"I thought it was really great," he said. "We could have had a bad situation which instead turned out very well because he came to our rescue and worked hard to salvage the occasion."

Committee proposes changes to academic appeal process

By Tim Kylie

The academic policies and procedures committee at Conestoga is revising the process by which students appeal grades, said the dean of health sciences at a college council meeting Feb. 3.

Bill Jeffrey said an appeal is heard currently by the dean of the appealing student's school of study.

Under a proposed change to the process a dean not involved in the appealing student's program would hear the appeal, he said.

Jeffrey said he was concerned a dean would find hearing an appeal from outside his or her own school of study too difficult and asked for council's suggestions.

He said the complexity of some schools, such as the school of health sciences and community services, might make it difficult for an outside dean to hear an appeal.

College registrar Fred Harris, who is involved in rewriting the appeal process, said the revisions do not come at the request of students, but because of the committee's concern about a lack of checks and balances

in the system.

"We're looking at putting in place a process that will be as fair and as transparent as possible," he said. "There are some very pragmatic concerns as to how this would operate so the appeals would be heard as quickly as possible."

College president John Tibbits said some universities bring in adjudicators from outside the institution to decide appeals.

"I don't think we have to go that far," Tibbits said.

Student services councillor Joan Magazine suggested outside adjudicators might be brought in for problem situations.

Magazine said the real problem lies in students going to their own dean to request an appeal.

"Whether they actually get a formal appeal or not is being decided by the dean of the school," she said.

Harris said he is ultimately responsible for whether an appeal is finally heard.

"I'm the check in that case," he said. "I look at all those recommendations from the deans."

OSAP makes changes

Loan allotments equalized

By Anita Filevski

Students will still pick up their OSAP loan authorization forms from the registrar's office in September, says Carol Walsh, a financial aid officer at Conestoga.

Despite the Ministry of Education and Training's indication in 1996 that loan documents would be distributed through an on-line system between banks and financial aid offices, students will continue to pick up the forms in person, said Walsh.

But there will be a change in the way OSAP funds are distributed.

Walsh said starting in September of 1997, students will receive 50 per cent of their OSAP funding in September and the other 50 per cent the following January.

Previously, students received 80 per cent of their funding in September and 20 per cent the following January.

Walsh said, from a financial aid aspect,

she is pleased with the change in the allotment schedule.

Because, she said, it will make budgeting easier for students.

Walsh also said the change will result in fewer February bursary applications because students won't be running out of money as quickly.

Former student in custody

Former Conestoga student James Blum, arrested Jan. 31, is being held in custody until he appears in Kitchener courts Feb. 21. Waterloo regional police Sgt. Dennis Butcher said Blum's lawyer has not yet made a request for bail release. Blum has been charged with second-degree murder in the death of his grandmother Emma Blum, 90, of Waterloo.

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50/50 CASH DRAW

(drawn Feb. 5)

WINNER: Bob Wall, faculty

Board of governors approves technology fundraising

By Tim Kylie

Conestoga should be able to raise \$5 million for a \$6.4 million technology campaign, college president John Tibbits said at a college council meeting Feb. 3.

Tibbits said the fund-raising campaign was approved at a board of governors' meeting Jan. 27.

The campaign has received great support from students and the college is pleased with the students' involvement in the campaign, he said.

Students have pledged \$1.3 million over five years toward the campaign, he said. The pledge comes in the form of a \$35 annual-technology fee recently approved

by the Doon Student Association.

The technology campaign will involve \$2.3 million worth of computer-technology upgrades, including the creation of two large open labs and 12 lab upgrades, he said.

The campaign may also see improvements to some classrooms and programs, as well as an expansion of the learning resources centre.

"We could double the size of our robotics program," Tibbits said.

In addition to the students' contribution, Tibbits cited excellent community support and a renewed economy as reasons for his optimism.

He said he recently received a

\$20,000 cheque from a fund-raising appeal made in 1993 when the economy wasn't as good.

Babcock and Wilcox also recently decided to give \$50,000 without being solicited, he said.

With an upcoming federal election, Tibbits said, the college is preparing for the possibility of government contributions to infrastructure upgrades.

"We're doing some planning so if an infrastructure plan is announced by the federal government we're not standing around wondering what to do," he said.

In other council business, Carolyn Dudgeon, manager of alternative-curriculum delivery methodologies, said the results of

a questionnaire regarding alternative-curriculum delivery will be available within two weeks.

Dudgeon said there were 700 questionnaires with 40 questions each, and tabulating the results is a time-consuming process.

She said recent feedback about alternative delivery has been positive and the marks in business law were higher under alternative delivery last semester than in the past.

DSA vice-president of student affairs Bev Cutone wanted to know if students had been allowed to use "cheat sheets" in alternative-delivery classes and whether they relied more heavily upon peer tutoring.

Dudgeon said she would have this information for the next council meeting.

Physical resources director Dave Putt said Conestoga's different parking options place the college in the "top four or five colleges or universities for choice."

Choices include parking meters, hourly rates, daily rates, weekly rates, monthly rates, semi-annual rates, annual rates, and designated rates, he said. Putt said he did not recommend an increase in any of the parking rates.

Tibbits agreed and said it would be a good idea to keep expenses down for students.

"I would be amazed if there wasn't a tuition increase," he said.

Snow comment



Tanya Burgoon, a third-year broadcasting student, interviews Frosty the snowman Feb. 6, to see what he is planning for spring break.
(Photo by Trish Jackson)

Funding for special-needs students declining this year, coordinator says

By Lynn Jackson

The enrolment of special-needs students is up at Conestoga, but funding per student is declining, said special-needs co-ordinator Marian Mainland.

About 9.8 per cent of the students enrolled at Conestoga this year are special-needs students. This figure has been steadily increasing since 1992 when the figure was at 4.96 per cent.

While special-needs enrolment is up, the amount of funding per student for the 1996-97 year is down by 48 per cent from the 1992-93 year.

The figure per student is the amount of money the special-needs office has to spend, in terms of services available, for each student.

In 1992-93 special-needs students were entitled to \$1,231 each in special-needs services, said Mainland. Students are only entitled to \$634 each this year, she said.

The money pays for such services as assessments, testing aids, special tutoring, counselling support and a number of other materials and services.

Figures show that capital expenditures for special-needs at the college are decreasing; 1992-93 expenses were \$30,000 and this year they are down to \$200.

The special-needs office is also saving money by using their own qualified assessors, of which there are two, which has reduced the need to contract out to the more expensive services of local psychologists.

Mainland said there is another advantage to using staff as assessors rather than psychologists from outside of the college.

"Because they have contact with students here already, the staff can come up with a personal 'prescription' for the academic success of the student," said Mainland.

A new disabled student bursary for special-needs students is also helping special needs save money,

said Mainland.

Instead of special-needs funds being given to the school in a lump sum from the government, the money is broken down into bursaries and given to the student. This allows the student to purchase his or her own equipment which is important because some of the special-needs students are very dependant on their equipment, said Mainland.

For example, said Mainland, a blind student at the college has \$12,000 worth of equipment of his own. Because the equipment now belongs to the student, said Mainland, the student has a better chance of finding employment, because the proper equipment does not have to be supplied by the potential employer or paid for out of the student's own pocket.

In order to receive the bursary, the special-needs student must have official medical documentation of his or her disability and have gone through the appropriate testing, said Mainland.

Women's resource group plans for International Women's Day

By Wendy Cummins

The Women's Resource Group is planning to contact members of Conestoga's alumni to serve as guest speakers for International Woman's Day.

At their meeting Feb. 5, the group discussed plans to contact former female students about coming back to the college to participate on a panel of guest speakers.

The resource group is hoping to attract women having "made it" in their original field of study.

The panel will consist of three

or four guest speakers.

The group is hoping to celebrate the international day of celebration during the week of March 19.

International Woman's Day is March 8, which is when Conestoga's spring break is held.

Also discussed at the meeting were resources the group has ordered for the Women's centre in the Learning Resource Centre, which included the video Chicken Soup for the Soul.

The group will hold their next meeting Feb. 18 at 12:30 p.m. in Room 1D14-A.

Corrections



Ewa Ratajczak

In the Feb. 3 story in Spoke, Opinions vary on teachers' right to strike, the photos of Annette Gauthier and Ewa Ratajczak were inadvertently switched. They should have appeared as shown.



Annette Gauthier

In the Feb. 3 issue of Spoke, the names of Rainier Wortelboer and Jamie Prokop were spelled incorrectly in a cutline of a photo.

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Playoffs celebrate coming of spring

As Canadians struggle with the vagaries of winter, initially resolute and cheerful, the struggle, by early to mid-April, has turned into a begrudging and brutish existence.

It is under these circumstances that the perennial National Hockey League playoffs arrive to lift the spirits of a nation, who seemed on the verge of abject surrender from the hardships of snow shoveling, ice picking and cold-weather car-starting.

Even though the past strike by professional hockey players has caused some people to feel less enthusiastic about professional hockey, most fans, for some reason, have renewed interest at playoff time.

The players themselves seem to have lower levels of team loyalty than before. Wayne Gretzky, for example, wanted to be traded from St. Louis so that his chances of being on a Stanley Cup contender would be enhanced.

Although Gretzky has done much to promote hockey on this planet, his loyalties now are more in accordance with what is good for him — bottom line.

But don't blame Wayne, this is just a reflection of our society today.

We see different shades of this attitude exhibited throughout our day-to-day life.

Residents opposed to anything they perceive as negative for their neighborhoods exhibit the "not in my back yard" (NIMBY) mentality.

The very people opposed to programs such as halfway homes for youths would agree with the successes these facilities bring to society.

"Just don't do it near me," they will say, as they further fragment their communities.

However, this attitude of fragmentation should come as no surprise when members of organized religions are considered.

Just as hockey fans are no longer wrapped up in the caprices of regular-season play, religious followers will take in the Easter, Christmas or other special services, but take no interest in the "regular season". These examples of selectivity may only be examples of society unconsciously seeking change, but why does the spring ritual of hockey playoffs peek Canadian's interest?

It could be the well-worn idea that sport is a vicarious form of warfare is true after all.

Or maybe, absorption into the hype of hockey playoffs is just an attempt to fill the deep-rooted human need to look forward to and celebrate the coming of spring.



Rick Kew



Widow has right to insemination

A British woman recently won a two-year battle to use her husband's sperm to become artificially inseminated.

The controversy was over the fact that he was dead when doctors obtained it.

With the multitude of debates between pro-life and pro-choice and euthanasia versus a life of prolonged agony, now comes a case of using sperm after death.

Is this a circumstance of a depraved woman, or simply of a woman who loved her husband and desperately wanted a child with him?

Diane Blood requested sperm be extracted from her husband, Stephen, at

the time of his sudden death after becoming infected with meningitis.

However, British law would not allow her to use it for artificial insemination because he had left no written consent permitting her to do so.

This wasn't some indiscriminate woman choosing to steal sperm randomly from a stranger.

The married couple had already been in the process of trying to have a child and his illness was unexpected.

As her husband lay in a coma, this poor woman only knew that her partner in life, this man she loved, was gone. Surely, if he had had the chance, he would have consented to the opportunity to carry on his life through the life of his child, as a final gift to his wife.

Although the British court has ruled to allow Blood the right to use her hus-

band's sperm to become pregnant, it says she must have the procedure done outside the U.K.

The court is calling this a legal and ethical issue. But what kind of law is being broken and exactly whose ethics are violated?

Opponents may liken this conflict to organ donation, which cannot be done without consent mainly for religious reasons. But, we are not talking about a body part here. This is basically an expendable human by-product.

Will it now be necessary, upon signing marriage certificates and prenuptial agreements, to also fill out a sperm donation card?

What harm can it possibly do anyone if this woman becomes impregnated by her late husband as a tribute to him and a memory to hold onto for herself?



Trish Jackson

Will Latimer ever receive justice?

The Supreme Court of Canada has decided that Saskatchewan farmer Robert

Latimer deserves the right for a new trial in connection with the killing of his daughter.

Latimer was convicted in 1994 of murdering his daughter, Tracy, who was 12 years old when she died from carbon monoxide poisoning in 1993.

Latimer was sentenced to life in prison with no chance of parole for 10 years in one of Canada's most famous cases involving euthanasia.

For anyone who hasn't watched the news over the last three years, Tracy was suffering from cerebral palsy and could not talk or take care of herself. Latimer told police he killed his daughter to end her suffering.

So why is the case going back to court? Have the judges decided the sentencing was too harsh? Have they come to the realization that the murder was an

act of love and not hate?

Not at all. There's going to be a new trial simply because police questioned jurors on their beliefs about euthanasia before the last trial began.

For Latimer, the inside of the courtroom will once again become his second home, but there is still little chance of justice being served.

The word "justice" by definition means fairness, yet how fair is it to convict a man who loved his daughter so much he put his own future in jeopardy to end her suffering?

And how fair is it to sentence him to a longer prison stay than Karla Homolka.

Perhaps the judge's hands were tied and the law demanded that Latimer had to be sentenced to a jail term.

But why, when there is all this talk about backlogs in the justice system, cannot judges be allowed to use common sense when dealing with personal and emotional issues?

In an article in the London Free Press on Feb. 6, Latimer is quoted as saying, "I think this is a very personal matter

and the government has chosen to exploit it and the government is wrong."

The trial will deal with much more than simple murder.

There is the question of how far into peoples' lives the government can intrude.

Is there any place left for individuals to choose their own destiny, including ending their own misery.

There are those who argue that the rights of disabled people everywhere must be acknowledged and Latimer must pay as an example. But how should Latimer pay? He has already lost his daughter.

What would be resolved if he were sent to prison for life anyway? The fundamental purpose for prisons is rehabilitation.

But what are the chances Latimer will ever kill again?

Perhaps he should spend some time behind bars weighing the consequences of the crime he committed.

Chances are he already spent quite a long time thinking about his actions — before ending his daughter's pain.



Bryce Wilson

STUDENT LIFE

Tuition increase means more student aid

By Anita Filevski

Education and Training Minister John Snobelen announced the provincial government will increase student aid by 37 per cent for 1997-98, stated a Feb. 5 news release from the Ministry of Education and Training. "Our approach to post-secondary education is to target those students who are truly in need," Snobelen stated in the news release.

"We want to ensure that qualified Ontario students for years to come have access to the highest quality post-secondary education."

The news release stated Snobelen is giving colleges and

universities the flexibility of increasing tuition up to 10 per cent in 1997-98, with the maximum increase for any one program being 20 per cent.

The good news, said Conestoga College financial aid officer Carol Walsh, is 30 per cent of any tuition increase must be set aside for local student aid.

The news release stated 1997-98 OSAP funding will be increased \$150 million from the 1995-96 period.

This brings government spending on post-secondary education to \$2.9 billion, stated the release.

As well, a newly devised scholarship program will pay the tuition

of the top two per cent of students at Ontario colleges and universities.

The awards will be based on 1997-98 marks, stated the news release.

In addition, Snobelen and Pierre Pettigrew, the federal Minister of Human Resource Development, are looking into Ontario's recommendation to create a loan repayment plan based on student income after graduation. They hope to reach an agreement by September 1997.

For more information, visit the Ministry of Education and Training's World Wide website at <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca>



Rodeway Suites

Residence advisor available for students

By Sara Maxim

The residence advisor hired by Rodeway Suites in September to look after the emotional well-being of its student residents became a new addition to the staff this year.

Ritu Pareek, a student herself, said things are going well for her as residence advisor.

Pareek deals with roommate conflicts, students needing help dealing with stress and any other emotional problems.

Sometimes, she said, students come to her just because they need to talk.

As well, on weekends Pareek is on duty at the residence to deal with noise complaints and any other problems.

She said when exams first began she was busy because a number of students would drop by her room for help.

Pareek, 22, is enrolled in the post diploma envi-

ronmental engineering program at Conestoga, so she also had exams to prepare for.

In January, with a number of new students moving into residence, and a number of students moving out, she had to deal with a lot of roommate conflicts.

Pareek said she tries to act as a mediator and work out some sort of compromise, but in some cases she has to turn to management to arrange some kind of relocation for one roommate.

While this is only her first year living at Rodeway Suites, Pareek lived in residence at the University of Toronto for five years.

She said she experienced a lot of homesickness her first year in residence so she understands the problems students may have adjusting to living away from home and living with a roommate.

Pareek applied for the position in early August and as residence advisor, she is paid \$50 each week and has a room to herself.

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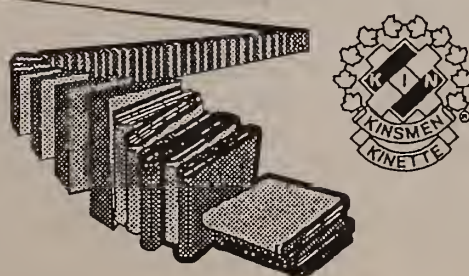
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SOUP'S ON — Chef Tyrone Miller, left, and student Melvin Pike serve up soup for the Heart and Stroke Foundation's Hearty Soup Luncheon Feb. 3. (Photo by Ellen Douglas)

Students and instructor cook up heart-healthy minestrone for luncheon

By Ellen Douglas

The "most heart-healthy" soup at a Heart and Stroke Foundation soup luncheon on Feb. 3 was a minestrone prepared by a Conestoga instructor and two students.

Chef Tyrone Miller, an instructor with the food and beverage management program, and his students Brigitte Budaker and Melvin Pyke prepared and served Miller's original country-style minestrone soup.

The Hearty Soup Luncheon was a kick-off event for the Kitchener-Waterloo campaign for the Heart and Stroke Fund.

According to Brenda Riehl, area administrator for the Heart and Stroke Foundation, this was the organization's first annual luncheon.

The event was not meant to be a money maker, she said. "It was meant to raise people's awareness for the beginning of heart month."

Organizers of the luncheon approached local restaurants; 10 establishments donated their time and their soup to the cause.

Among the highlights of the luncheon were the celebrity-judge awards for best

tasting soup and most heart-healthy soup.

The judges were Neil Headley and Angie Hill of Kool-FM and Carol Jankowski, the lifestyles editor at the Record.

Miller said he was happy to have won the most heart-healthy category but he was not surprised because "we used all the freshest stuff, from the chicken stock to the vegetables."

"We came to compete a little," he said.

He said he was approached by the directors of the food and beverage management program and asked if he wanted to participate in the event.

"We are trying to raise the profile of the program," he said. "The food and beverage management program will be expanding next year."

"This event allows us to show our face around town," Miller added. "Hopefully, it will help us get more students interested in the program."

Pyke, a first-year food and beverage management student, said he was enjoying his participation in the event.

"I'm planning to become a chef, so this is really good experience," he said.

Analysis:

Identification numbers not completely confidential

By Rick Kew

Ontario's Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOI) says student identification (ID) numbers, test marks and other components of a student's academic record are considered personal information; Conestoga agrees with this concept, says its assistant FOI coordinator, David Courtemanche.

Conestoga, said Courtemanche, attempts to uphold the intent of the legislation in regards to student privacy and to that end will not release any information which could be linked to a student's name.

Students at Conestoga routinely use their ID numbers to comply with college procedures, such as signing in with security for after-hours admittance, and the college routinely uses these numbers to convey information to students, such as the public posting of student marks.

An information sheet, clarifying Conestoga's position on student ID numbers and FOI, received from Courtemanche on Jan. 31, stated: "Students remain anonymous, where student ID numbers are used with the posting of test results. It is a reasonable, efficient and expedient way for students to receive test results."

"Student ID numbers with names are not available as public information."

A walk through the halls of

Doon campus will show several locations where students' marks are posted with students' ID numbers beside them.

How secure is the confidentiality of these marks?

Examine a hypothetical case: two Conestoga students decide to meet at the college in the evening, to use a computer lab to finish an assignment.

"We've never had a problem before, but that doesn't mean there's not room for improvement."

Bob Gilberds
Conestoga security
supervisor

Upon arrival at the college the students must sign-in with security for safety as well as security reasons.

Student A, signing in first, presents his student card to the attending security officer, who confirms the holder of the card resembles the photo on the card.

At the same time, student A prints his ID number, name, time of day and signs his name in security's admittance log.

Student B then follows the same

procedure, but has the opportunity to view his classmate's seven-digit ID number.

It is not difficult to memorize seven-digit numbers, something long-known by telephone companies.

Student B now has access to any of student A's "confidential" test results posted publicly in the halls.

Similarly, the sign-in procedure in the Lackenbauer Literacy Lab can be exploited to obtain student ID numbers. And in some cases, when student cards are not examined, false student ID numbers can be recorded.

Bob Gilberds, Conestoga's security supervisor, said, "We've never had a problem before (concerning student ID numbers), but that doesn't mean there's not room for improvement."

Jack Fletcher, chairman of student services — which is supervising the literacy lab through its peer tutoring program — said he felt peer tutors are using sign-in procedures and monitoring procedures within the lab to minimize non-college related use of the Lackenbauer lab.

Fletcher said he would consult with his staff on the matter.

The information sheet provided by Courtemanche stated: "If a student is uncomfortable when their ID number is used with the posting of test results, they should discuss this concern with their teacher or chair."

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STUDENT LIFE

College offers resources to help students find employment

By Sara Maxim

For the month of January, the student employment office received information about 136 full- and part-time job opportunities, said Mary Wright, manager of student employment, co-op education and alumni services.

Outside the office, brief descriptions of current jobs are listed and sorted by school.

For additional information on any job posting, students need to come into the office and look in the job binders, Wright said.

These binders contain the names of people to contact, and the qualifications necessary, as well as how to go about applying for the job.

Wright said now is the time for students seeking summer employment to start looking. She stressed that graduating students should begin applying for jobs now, instead of waiting until their academic studies are finished in April.

Often, she said, arranging interviews with prospective employers can take a month or two.

"The student employment office offers a lot of really good resources to assist students in their job search," Wright said.

Along with the job binders, the office also provides a number of services to prepare students that are applying for jobs.

One of these services, she said, is a free resume critique. Students who already have a resume can bring it into the office so that one of the staff can look it over and make suggestions for changes if they're needed. This service has a 48-hour turnaround time. It also includes cover letters.

The office also has a resume printing service. Students can have their resumes printed for 10 cents a page or 15 cents a page on high-quality bond paper.

As well, Wright said, the office offers a resume word processing service. This service provides stu-

dents with an error-free, employer-ready resume. A one-page resume costs \$15. This fee includes 10 copies of the resume on bond paper plus the original resume and the office keeps the resume on disk for six months. A two-page resume costs \$25.

A service that graduates would find helpful, is the resume referral service, she said. Once students register, by filling out a registration form and supplying eight copies of their resume, the office will automatically forward the student's resume to any job postings in their area of study.

This service is free of charge for six months after graduation. After the six months, an annual fee of \$25 is required to continue the service. Students are not notified each time their resume is forwarded to an employer, Wright said. The student must be prepared to receive telephone calls from employers. Students are also responsible for supplying the office with enough copies of their resumes.

Another area of interest to students is the career resource centre in the office, Wright said. This area contains free literature about a variety of topics to assist students in their job search.

As well, the centre has a number of books that detail such topics as career planning, occupations, resume writing and interview skills. These books are for use only in the office.

The student employment office has a jobs hotline, (519) 748-5220, extension 562. This hotline provides information on any job postings the office has received. It is open 24 hours a day.



JOB SEARCH — Mary Wright, manager of student employment, co-op education and alumni services, looks at some of the material available to assist students in their search for jobs in the student employment office.
(Photo by Sara Maxim)

Woodworking trade fair familiarizes students with aspects of industry

By Colleen Cassidy

A trade fair was held at the woodworking centre during the morning of Feb. 6.

Kevin Mah, a third-year woodworking technology student and one of the organizers of the fair, said its purpose is to familiarize students with different aspects of the woodworking industry.

Mah said another reason for the fair was to give students an opportunity to make job contacts.

During the first half of the morning, nine companies and associations in the woodworking industry set up display tables, and students were invited to ask representatives questions about the companies and the woodworking industry.

The second half of the morning was a question and answer forum, with a panel of representatives from Krug Furniture, Durham Furniture, Woodworking Magazine and the Ontario Furniture Manufacturers Association.

Donna Newminski, a representative of Krug Furniture, said the woodworking industry is thriving in Canada.

Newminski said within the past two years Krug Furniture has hired six graduates of Conestoga's woodworking programs.

She said education and experience are important assets that Krug looks for in potential employees, but she stressed the importance of personal attributes such as self-motivation, teamwork, problem-solving skills, and ability to sell ideas to management.

Cross-training for different jobs is encouraged at Krug.

"We want our employees to be able to do a variety of jobs well," Newminski said.

Lloyd Love, a spokesperson for Durham Furniture, said his company doesn't promote cross-training.

It's important for the employees of Durham Furniture to excel at their jobs, Love said.

He said it appears the woodworking industry might not be strong because some old, established furniture manufacturers, such as Deilcraft, have closed, but it is not usually recognized that smaller companies, like Leda Furniture, are starting.

"The media will say a company has closed, but it fails to mention a new one has opened," Love said.

Blain Tullis, representing Woodworking Magazine, said the woodworking trade is changing.

More companies are looking for employees who have some education.

Tullis said woodworking is becoming a high-tech industry. Companies are sending their present employees for upgrading and retraining.

Neal Devereaux, of the Ontario Furniture Manufacturers Association, said furniture manufacturing is thriving, but it is because companies export to Europe and the U.S.

Devereaux said, with a population of only 30 million, Canada cannot support the industry.

Mike McClements, dean of trades and technology, said the support the industry gives the woodworking centre is appreciated. It gives the students access to people working in the field.

"It's possible someone got a job today," McClements said.

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STUDENT LIFE

Students sleep outdoors for local charity

By Trish Jackson

Students slept outdoors Feb. 6, to raise money for charity and to get a glimpse into the life of the homeless.

"It was a little chilly, but it was a lot of fun," said Cheryl Jack, DSA education and communications coordinator. "Overall, everyone had a really good time."

Jack and 21 other students braved the cold to sleep in tents by the pond outside the main cafeteria in an effort to raise money for Reaching Our Outdoor Friends (ROOF), a Kitchener organization dedicated to helping homeless youth.

Ryan Camp, a second-year law and security administration student, said he decided to join the camp out at the last minute and put in the \$20 minimum pledge himself.

"I got conned into it, so I thought 'why not?'" said Camp. "ROOF helped me out when I was stressed."

Camp said he spent about three weeks sleeping on top of a school and in bank machine kiosks when he was 15 before approaching ROOF for help.

Chris Kroeker, DSA promotions assistant, said he joined the winter camp out because, "It's fun and it's for a good cause."

DSA director of student life, Becky Boertien, one of the organizers of the event, was pleased by the turnout.

"I was quite surprised by the response. I thought only about five (people) would



CHILLY NIGHTS — From left, DSA promotions assistants Thomas Muller and Chris Kroeker, and second-year law and security administration student Rich Andrews, put up a tent by the pond Feb. 6 for the DSA's winter campout to raise money for Reaching Our Outdoor Friends, a Kitchener shelter for homeless youth.

(Photo by Trish Jackson)

sign up."

Boertien said as of Feb. 7 the full amount raised by the students was not known, but as

each student was required to have a minimum of \$20 in pledges to participate, there would be at least \$440 to donate to ROOF.

At the time of the event Bev Cutone, vice-president of student affairs, had \$105 in pledges and expected to raise more by the Feb. 14 deadline.

Other organizers included 10 recreation leadership students and the DSA executive.

First-year recreation leadership student Sandy Hubik said she and nine other classmates were on the planning committee and would be getting credit for a unit in their program for their participation in organizing the event.

The committee helped arrange to borrow two tents from the YMCA's

camping division in St. Clements, and Beaver Foods supplied complimentary coupons for breakfast at Harvey's to participants.

In the early part of the camp out evening, students had use of the lounge to play games, watch movies and eat pizza donated by the DSA.

Some tobogganned on the hill by the Condor Roost before retiring to their tents around 10:30 p.m.

Promotions assistant Laura Brillinger said the fun continued into the night.

"We sang a lot songs, played cards and talked a lot. All of a sudden it was three in the morning and we were ready to die — from tiredness."

Second-year LASA student Derek Stahle said he didn't get to sleep at all that night.

"It was long and cold," said Stahle. He said he would definitely participate in a winter camp out again, however. Stahle said he joined the camp out "partly because of ROOF. But if it wasn't evident enough from the polar plunge and snow-pitch I participated in — I like the cold."

Jungle gym



Andrew Fritsch, a first-year computer programmer analyst student, sits inside the giant bowling ball used for human bowling in the lounge.

(Photo by Bryce Wilson)

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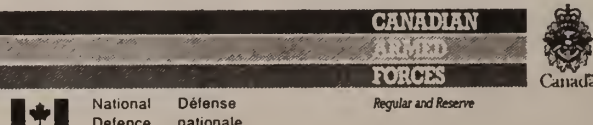
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STUDENT LIFE

Comedian makes impression on students at nooner

By Ross McDermott



MUSICAL MULRONEY — Comedic impressionist Ron Pardo sings his Brian Mulroney version of the Kinks' song Lola, titled Payola. (Photo by Ross McDermott)

Students were entertained by a number of celebrities in the Sanctuary Feb. 6, but all the famous people emanated from one man.

Ron Pardo, comedic-impressionist, delivered his brand of musical parody and political satire through the mannerisms and voices of a wide range of personalities during a nooner presented by the Doon Student Association as part of Winterfest '97.

Pardo, who won Yuk Yuk's title of Best New Canadian Comic in 1994, used his comedic style to poke fun at everything from beer commercials to Brian Mulroney.

He opened the show with a Don Cherry impression, and swiftly moved through a long list of celebrities, both real and animated.

Some of his impressions included: Stompin' Tom Connors, Cliff Claven, Forrest Gump and Homer Simpson, to name a few.

Students who attended the nooner, applauded and laughed at Pardo's performance and seemed to enjoy the show.

Second-year law and security student Mike Curtis said he enjoyed Pardo's performance.

"He was good. I liked all the voices — except Forrest Gump."

He said he could do a better version of Forrest Gump.

"It was good — it was funny," said Erin Young, a first-year business-administration accounting student.

She said Pardo's voices and humorous songs made the show especially enjoyable.

In an interview following the nooner, Pardo said he has been doing impressions since he was a child.

"I started to write them down about five- or six-years-ago," Pardo said. "Then I started doing radio commercials."

He said he first began going on stage and doing his routine live in 1993. In 1994 he won the Yuk Yuk's competition.



PARDOPARODY — Pardo entertains the crowd with his impressions of famous actors and politicians. (Photo by Ross McDermott)

Pardo said he does 125 impressions and he had the most difficulty learning the voice of Arnold Schwarzenegger.

"I tried him and tried him and tried him, then one day, it came."

He said some voices are more difficult than others. It depends on the tambour and accent.

Pardo's most memorable experience, he said, was performing in his hometown Pardoville, Ont., located in the Chatham area.

The town was named after his family, he said.

Students endure cold to compete in games

By Bob Puersten

Conestoga's snow games were a success, despite the cold, say the organizers of the DSA event.

The games, which were held from 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. outside of the recreation centre, consisted of "snow"-pitch and street hockey tournaments.

There was "great team spirit," said Thomas Muller, snow-pitch umpire and a first-year management studies student at Conestoga. "Everyone had a lot of fun."

The snow-pitch games were played with softball rules, with the exceptions of using a large, florescent orange ball, in place of a softball, and a 30-minute time limit for each game, said Muller.

Four teams played in the tournament, in four games of play, which decided the champions and the consolation winners. The first game was two teams of law and security administration students going head-to-head. Go Team won over the Blizzards. In the second game, the 3M02 Icicles, a business management studies team won over SAC. In the final rounds, the Blizzards ended up the consolation winner and the 3M02 Icicles took the grand prize.

The hockey tournament was played by road hockey rules, said Chad Belkwell, hockey referee and a second-year recreational leadership student.

Five of the six expected teams showed up, said Belkwell, so the fifth team, Explosion, was split between the Bruisers and the Hitmen. The games, originally

planned to be 30 minutes, two 15-minute periods, were stretched to 45 minutes, two 22 1/2-minute periods.

Played on a three-game format, the tournament saw Cardiac Arrest, a team of ambulance and emergency care students, win over the Bruisers, a business accounting team. The second game saw the Hitmen, a team of electronics engineering technology, ambulance and emergency care, and accounting students, win over the Arabian Stallions, a team of computer programmer analyst students and business administration materials management students. The third game saw Cardiac Arrest win over the Arabian Stallions.

In both cases, the champion team walked away with Winterfest fleece tuques. In the snow-pitch tournament, the second-place winners received coupons to local companies and both the second- and third-place winners received passes to the Kitchener nightclub Stages, said Muller.

Cold was a force which had officiators change the rules to help the players. In snow-pitch, the rules were changed to three-pitch to keep the players moving, Muller said. The final game in the street-hockey tournament reverted back to 30 minutes in length due to weather, said Belkwell. A thin layer of ice also saw many players fall.

Belkwell suggested that maybe next year's hockey tournament could be held in the gym.

"Everyone had fun," Belkwell said, adding, "I think it went really well."

CLARIFICATION

In the Feb. 3 article on the business administration accounting open forum, third-year accounting student Robbin Harris was not referring to last year's forum specifically when she was quoted as saying "bitch session." She was simply stating her appreciation of the fact that this year's forum was positive in nature.

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TORTURE KING

Entertainer tortures himself with acts of mutilation in Sanctuary performance

By Bryce Wilson

The Torture King had many students cringing and covering their faces, during his self-injuring show in the Sanctuary on Feb. 5.

"Some people call it self-mutilation," said Tim Cridland (the Torture King's real name), "that's not what it's really about."

Cridland, 33, said his performance is similar to the sideshows that used to travel with circuses across the continent.

Although he presents his show as entertainment, Cridland said there are deeper aspects to what he does and his act is more about overcoming situations and using self-hypnosis to transcend pain.

Cridland's performance included more than a sideshow sword-swallowing act. In fact, he broke and ate a lightbulb as well. He also laid on a bed of swords, had a cement block on his chest and then had it broken with a sledge hammer.

Many in the crowd couldn't bear to watch him when he ate a piece of string, cut a hole into his stomach with a scalpel and pulled the string out, or when he stuck skewers through his forearm, bicep, cheeks and through the bottom of his mouth.

However, there were many in the crowd who wanted more and were chanting for him to jump as he stood barefoot on broken glass — something he proceeded to do.

Cridland said he has had a life-long interest in his chosen profession and remembers reading about "bizarre feats from around the world" when he was still in public school.

He said his family supports his profession, more now that he's successful, but he still tells his mother he's only a fire-eater.

Cridland has researched as much as possible on the subject and everything he does is based on feats from history or other cultures.

"Part of what I'm trying to do is to resurrect these types of acts for the North American audience," he said.

Cridland was part of the Jim Rose Circus Sideshow that toured with an ensemble of performers across North America.

He said he toured with the group from the beginning, in 1992, but left in 1994 because his act is "classically-derived" and he wanted to do more than just shock people.

"I'm really not trying to gross people out," Cridland said, "the show I'm doing is really good, clean fun."

Scott Levkoff, 30, Cridland's partner on the stage, described his role as a "barker" or "pitchman".

Levkoff said he has been touring with Cridland for a few months and it's his job to keep the show flowing smoothly and the crowd entertained.

He met Cridland through a mutual friend and said the Torture King is actually a "very mellow" person.

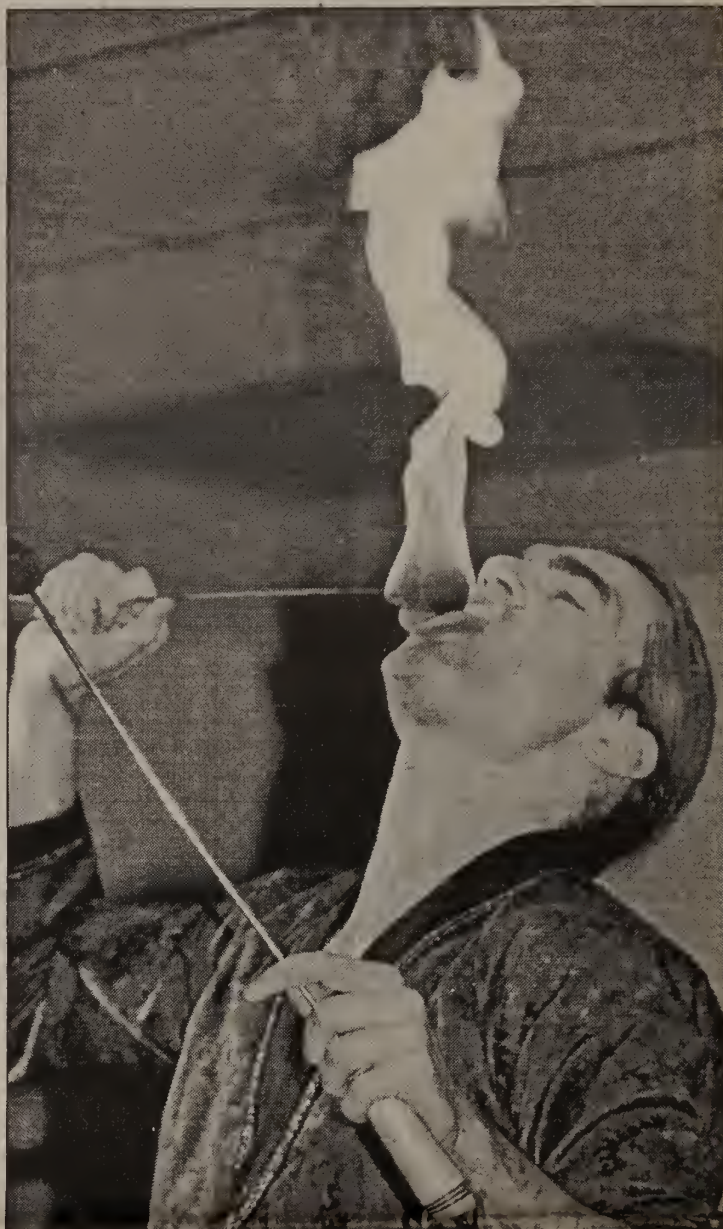
Levkoff said they couldn't perform a full show at Conestoga because of the location, but said Cridland also uses more skewers, handles and bends hot metal, and performs electrical feats.

Cridland said he is currently working towards adding a new act to his show that will involve sticking a sword completely through his stomach.

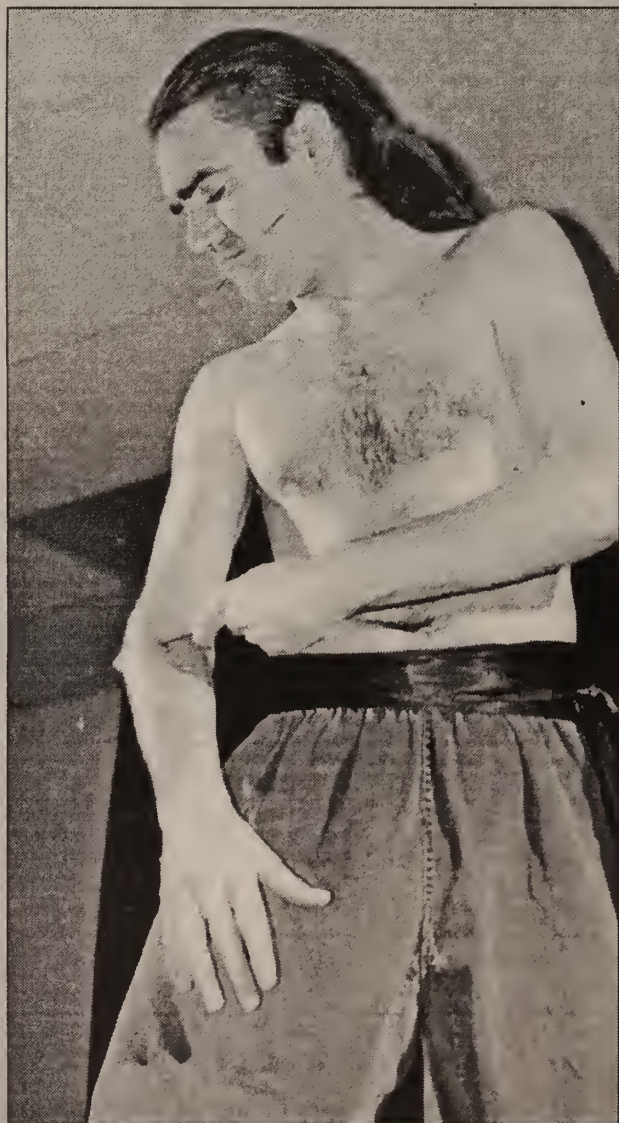
He said the feat was done by Mirin Dajo in the 1940s and he has found film footage verifying the authenticity of the feat.

Cridland said he plans to go to Turkey in the summer of 1997 to study more about his art.

The Torture King's Internet address is <http://www.interacme.com/torture>



SOMEBODY CALL 911 — The Torture King ignites his tongue during a fire-eating demonstration. (Photo by Ross Mc Dermott)



JUST A LITTLE PINCH — Tim Cridland, the Torture King, sticks skewers through his arm during his performance in the Sanctuary. (Photo by Bryce Wilson)

HEIMLICH ANYONE? — The Torture King swallows a steel sword. (Photo by Bryce Wilson)



BED OF ROSES, PERHAPS? — The 'King' and the bed of swords which he laid on. (Photo by Bryce Wilson)

SPORTS

Condors show character in losing battle to Auks

By Peggy Sue Ironside

The Condors played their best character game of the year against the visiting Sir Sandford Fleming Auks on Feb. 5, said Conestoga's hockey coach.

Tony Martindale said the Condors were pressing harder, going the extra distance and staying out of the penalty box in this game. However, Fleming won the fast-paced game 6 - 4.

Opening the scoring was Auks forward Chad Peterson, scoring six and a half minutes into the first period.

Condor forward Conal Vaughan scored Conestoga's first goal 24 seconds later. Assisting were forwards Wade Gowers and Jeremy Snider.

Conestoga took the lead when forward Chris Palubeski scored with 12:55 left in the first period, making the score 2 - 1. Assisting were forward Mike Hodgert and defenceman Brad Mizener.

Ten seconds later, Palubeski scored again making it 3 - 1. Assisting were forward Trevor Uhrig and defenceman Jeff White.

Fleming, however, finished the first period with three goals, scored by forwards Gavin Snell, Jeff Gaskell and defenceman Etienne Lambert, making the score 4 - 3 in their favor.

With each team keeping the other at bay for most of the action-packed second period, Condor forward Jeff Schmidt tied the score 4 - 4 with less than three minutes on the clock.

Assisting were forwards Daryl

Sinclair and Chris Palubeski. Halfway through a rough and tumble third period, Fleming took the lead as forward Neal Schoenfeld scored the Auks' fifth goal of the game, making the score 5 - 4.

With 41 seconds left in the game, Auks forward Chad Mullen scored on the Condors' empty net bringing the game's score to 6 - 4.

With eight minutes left in the first period, Martindale replaced goalie Darryl Whyte with Devin Steubing in an attempt to change the momentum of the game.

He said a couple of goals went past Whyte that wouldn't have in past games and pulling him was an opportunity to get Steubing in. "He shut the door," Martindale said about Steubing.

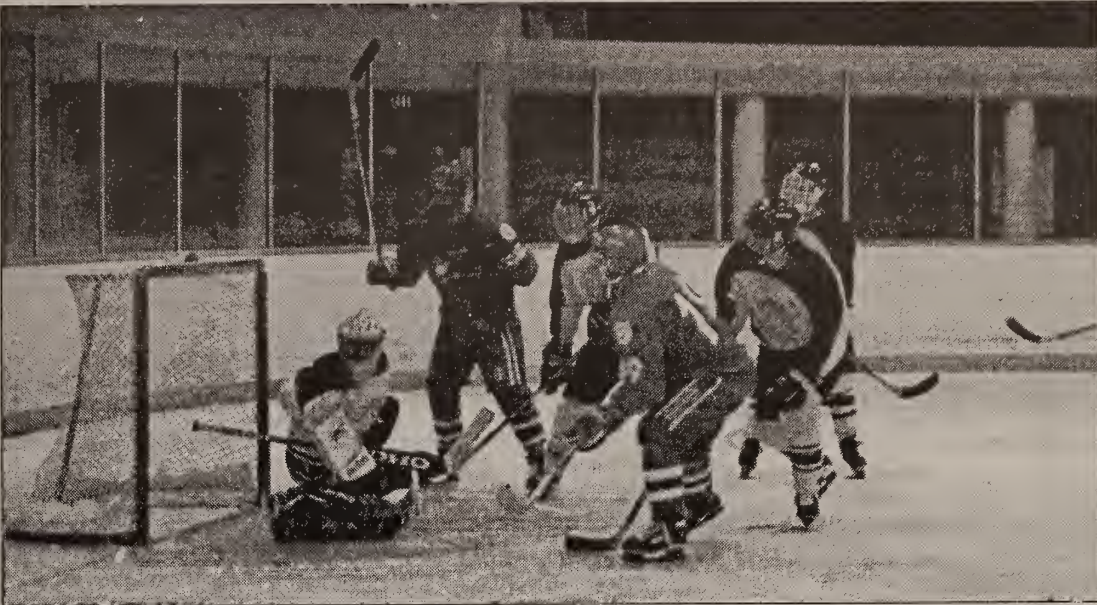
Martindale said the Auks goaltender was hot in the third period, making saves for them, and said he thought it made the difference in the game.

The Condor third line, Wade Gowers, Conal Vaughan, Jeremy Snider, played well, said Martindale. "It's good when you can put your third line out against their top line," he said. "They did a good job on them defensively."

"I switched some guys around on the power play and the unit we put together looked good," he said.

Sir Sandford Fleming coach Don Dunford said having team captain, Paul Sinfarosa, injured in the first period affected the first line's playing.

Sinfarosa sprained his thumb going to the boards, but said he would be ready to play Conestoga



BETWEEN THE PIPES — Condor forward, number 19, Chris Palubeski scores the third Condor goal in the first period in the game against the Auks. (Photo by Peggy Sue Ironside)

in the Auks' next home game. "It wasn't our smoothest game, but on the other hand it isn't the easiest when you're operating with three lines," Dunford said.

He said to play on a large ice surface, a team needs four lines.

Chris Palubeski, the Condor forward who had two goals and an assist in the game, said, "We didn't play very well in the first two periods, but in the third period we came out hard. We were all over them, but unfortunately we just didn't get the bounces — the lucky breaks."

Sir Sandford Fleming is in first place in the division while Conestoga has three wins in seven games.

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Seneca	11	5	2	4	55	42	401	3.82	14
Sault	11	3	7	1	57	83	346	7.55	7
Conestoga	10	3	7	0	29	47	273	4.70	6
Boreal	13	1	12	0	49	101	518	7.77	2

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ENTERTAINMENT

Conestoga graduate brings live theatre to K-W

By Lynne Thompson

Conestoga College graduate Steve Roth has big plans for his future: he's transforming the Waterloo Theatre into a theatre for live performances.

The idea, which came to Roth when he realized there was nowhere for people to go every weekend to see live performances, has been in his head for a longtime. It is now becoming a reality because, "the timing is right and I know the right people," said Roth.

The theatre will show musicals, each running 10 weeks at a time. Roth, who will be the producer, will hire a director to audition actors. He wants local actors to be given a chance to show their stuff on his stage. "We need to give people a leg-up because there is so much talent here," said Roth.

Professionals will also play a large role in the theatre. The first performance, on May 15, will feature a set designer from Beauty and the Beast and an actor from the Stratford Festival.

Since the building is already set up as a theatre, renovations will be minimal, said Roth. The existing 3 metre stage will be

increased to 10.5 metres and a snack bar at the back will be made into a small lounge so people can enjoy a beverage or snack during the performance, said Roth.

One of the best feature, said Roth, is the small size of the theatre. With only 250 seats, each performance will be very intimate. "I wanted to do this so everyone is right in the centre of the action. The last seat will be row 13, so there will be no bad seats."

Ticket prices will range between \$18 and \$25, said Roth. Thursday and Friday night performances will be \$21, Saturday night \$25 and Sunday matinees will be \$18. "I wanted to put on a high-quality, professional-looking show without the big prices," he said.

Roth, who graduated from the radio and television arts program in 1992, said his three years as a Conestoga student have definitely been beneficial to him.

"It was a growing experience. You learn things in the program which apply to everyday life, like how to speak in an interview. There are a lot of things which come out of it besides the actual knowledge you expect to learn. You learn a lot of life

skills," Roth said.

Roth, who credits the college with teaching him how to present himself, good public relations skills, and how to be more outgoing, got into broadcasting because he knew he wanted to do something where performing would be involved.

After graduation, Roth said it was difficult to find work in his field. He did a lot of freelance and worked in retail in order to pay the bills. He has worked for Rogers Cable and done some television commercials, including the Martin's Furniture commercial.

Roth said the best advice he can offer to graduating students who are concerned about finding jobs is to volunteer and make as many contacts as possible.

"I know people hear this all the time, but it's true. It's not what you know — although that's important — it's who you know."

Without some of the people he knew through previous contacts, such as a lawyer, a designer, and an architect, Roth said he



TAKIN' A BREAK — Former broadcasting student Steve Roth sits in the Waterloo theatre he plans to transform. (Photo by Lynne Thompson)

would not have been able to get started on this project.

He is, however, certainly happy he could. "Anyone who's actually had a goal or a dream and seen it work out will know how it feels. It's wonderful. I'm very excited."

Dante's Peak erupts on screen

By Lisa Kloefer

People who thought *Twister* was the best action movie ever made will love *Dante's Peak*.

It has explosions, natural disasters, and plenty of air-bound objects crashing to the ground.

Pierce Brosnan (*Golden Eye*, *Mrs. Doubtfire*) plays Harry Dalton, a geologist who discovers a potential volcanic eruption in the dormant mountain bordering the fictional town of Dante's Peak.

Tension builds as Dalton's warnings of impending doom go ignored by everyone on the town, including his colleagues.

The loner geologist finds a confident, and potential love interest in Mayor Rachel Waldo, played by Linda Hamilton (*Terminator*).

The movie starts off slow, but this time is spent developing the

characters, something the movie *Twister* did not do.

The death of his girlfriend in the first moments of the movie establishes Dalton's character as lonely and tragic.

Waldo and her two children, Lauren (Jamie Renee Smith), and Graham (Jeremy Jolie) are portrayed as the typical abandoned single-mother family.

The character development does give *Dante's Peak* a fresher plot than most action movies, but after the first earthquake the movie slips into typical action plot formation.

When disaster does come to the town, Dalton quickly jumps into the role of hero.

Always just in time, he manages to save himself and the Waldo family from molten lava, earthquakes, raining fire, collapsing buildings, and rushing rivers of

sulphuric acid.

The movie has a frail storyline, but makes up for it with great special effects.

The explosions are larger than life, the earthquakes and lava rivers look real, and the hero actually takes some physical punishment.

That is about as far as realism goes in this movie.

When Dalton saves the family dog from near death, the movie hits its low.

Brosnan and Hamilton's performances are good. They both do the

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best they can with the script, and make an attractive on-screen couple.

Hamilton is hardly the bulging bicep she was in *Terminator 2*. In this movie she plays more the damsel in distress role.

Brosnan suits the hero role, and plays the part of Dalton

convincingly.

Movie goers who like drama and intense plot development will not like *Dante's Peak*.

For those who love big bangs, and dig-your-nails-in action, *Dante's Peak* is an action movie worth seeing on the big screen.

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